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Pension application of Reuben Roberts S31934

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State of Georgia County of Jones

On this 19th day of October in the year of Christ 1832 personally appeared before the undersigned, his honor Lucius Q C Lamar, Judge of the Superior Courts of the Ocmulgee District in said State now presiding & holding the Superior Court (it being a Court of record) of said County & State & now in session Reuben Roberts a resident of said County of Jones in said State aged eighty or eighty-one years, who being duly sworn, according to law doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He entered as a substitute for Ambrose Boatwright who was drafted at Rocky Mount in Lancaster County South Carolina in a militia company commanded by Captain George Summerlin first Lieutenant James Miller applicant was marched as a common soldier to the Snowy Camps on Reedy River, upper parts near the mountains in the State of South Carolina to suppress the Tories & was in service at Snowy Camps when the Major Fletcher [sic, Col. Thomas Fletchall] of the Tories was arrested & sent off with 20 or more other Tories, the date not recollected, served a tour of 3 months & was discharged. Applicant was afterwards drafted for a 3 months tour & entered the service of the United States as a soldier under Captain George Ross & marched with his company to Campbelltown South Carolina near Augusta Georgia; under command of General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] applicant was marched by Colonel Kershaw [Eli Kershaw], Captain Ross to the three runs below Augusta about 30 miles below Augusta & crossed the River Savannah over into Burke County in the State of Georgia & was in the engagement with the Tories on Brier Creek about 4 miles from Burke Court House in Georgia killed two majors name Hal Sharp & Spurgen and twenty-seven others of the Tories party, retreated to Augusta till expiration of that tour and was then discharged, date not remembered. Applicant was again drafted & entered the service in the militia at Camden under Captain Ross: Eli Kershaw Colonel & marched to Purrysburg to camp near Charleston South Carolina against the British & Tories & then marched to Stono & then to the three bridges, was taken sick & then was carried back home & before he reached home the tour expired. The date not remembered. Applicant next went to Charleston South Carolina under Lieutenant McCorklin to guard the town. The British being expected & served a month & was discharged date not remembered. Applicant next substituted in place of Patrick Moon in the regular service under Captain Taylor at the Eutaw Springs under General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] & served a tour of duty of 5 months & in the time applicant was marched to Charleston South Carolina under Captain Taylor to convey articles to the Treaty with the Cherokee Indians at Dewitt's

Corner where he remained till his term was out & was regularly discharged by a written discharge. Applicant afterwards went with Bob Barnett as pilots for General Morgan & Colonel Washington in Kershaw district South Carolina & conducted Colonel Washington through the woods to Rugeley's Fort where Rugeley is his Tories gave up & was carried by Colonel Washington to General Morgan at the head of Beann [sic?] Creek in Kershaw district South Carolina, this was done in a few days time not recollected, the State was infested with the British & Tories, applicant was in a scouting party afterwards and wounded by the Tories at one Dearing's on little flat rock Creek in the same State & district & never has had the use of the 3rd finger of his left hand since, memory don't serve as to dates, said applicant Reuben Roberts hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state and has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

The presiding judge of said Court then propounded to said affiant Reuben Roberts the following interrogatories & he made on oath answers to the same as here stated, to wit:

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in Portroyal [sic, Port Royal?] Town in the State of Virginia in the year 1752 as well as he can find out.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer, I never kept any record of my age and know of no record of it.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer, I lived in Kershaw district South Carolina when I went into the service & continued to reside there till the war ended, from thence I moved to the County of Jones where I now reside, to the other questions he answers I don't know any other of the regular officers who were with the troops where I served. I served as a drafted man, substitute for a regular as a spy & in the character of above stated in my declaration. I always took discharges at the end of my service, but never preserved them & do not know where they now are, and I state that Robert Beasley Esquire an acting Justice of the peace in said County and Thomas S. Humphris [sic Humphreys?], Esquire deputy sheriff of said County will testify as to my veracity & their belief of the truth of the declaration I have made, there is no clergyman in the vicinity of my place of abode.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 19th of October A.D. 1832

S/ Lucius QC Lamar

S/ Reuben Roberts, X his mark

[Robert Beasley and Thomas S. Humphreys made the standard supporting affidavit.]